Meeting of National Integration Council

2358. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Integration Council met in New Delhi on August 31, 2005 for the first time since 1992.

(b) if so, the issues considered and the decisions taken by the Council therein, for promoting social amity; and

(c) the steps since taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The agenda for discussion in the meeting of the National Integration Council held on 31.8.2005 was "Communal Harmony through Governmental Action, Education and Media". No resolution was moved in the meeting. However, various suggestions emanating from the Hon'ble Members have been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and the State Governments and Union Territories for consideration and appropriate action.

Involvement of Pak terrorists in bomb explosion

†2359. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been found that Pakistani terrorists are involved in the recent bomb-explosions in Delhi and J&K;

(b) if so, whether Government have discussed this matter with the Government of Pakistan;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(d) the stringent steps being taken by Government to finish terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) During investigation of the cases relating to

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the bomb blasts in Delhi on 29th October, 2005, it was revealed that the conspiracy for the explosions was hatched by a foreign-based terrorist organization. Further investigation in the case is in progress.

(b) and (c) Cross border terrorism and external linkages of terrorists groups do figure during talks/discussions with Pakistani authorities.

(d) In order to curb terrorist activities, the Government has taken several measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the State neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, the steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to check terrorist activities include barricading and carrying out special check at the entry point of markets; checking of abandoned vehicles; checking and briefing of the staff of cyber cafe especially in market areas; briefing of manager and staff of hotels/guest houses to keep full details of guests and their luggage and number of vehicles by which they arrive to ensure installation of closed circuit television cameras at the entrance of the hotels; verification of tenants; briefing of auto dealers to keep full details of buyers of second hand vehicles; regular checking of STD/ISD/PCO booth owners/operators; checking of cellular phone and sim card vendors; checking of auto-stands and taxi-stands; meeting with Market Welfare Associations and Resident Welfare Associations; briefing of Metro Rail workers/staff; sensitization of security personnel of high rise buildings, Government buildings, regular checking of sympathizers who have given shelter to the militants in the past and militants released on bail from jail etc.

Damage to fencing at Indo-Bangla border

2360. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the fencing erected along the Indo-Bangladesh border has been washed away in the floods;